GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRDESH

ABSTRACT

M.A. & U.D. Department – The Andhra Pradesh Municipalities (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005 – Amendments to provide for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the ballot paper – Notification – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (G) DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No.43 **Date: 29.01.2018**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.666, M.A. & U.D. (Elec.II) Dept., dt. 11.07.2005.

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O R D E R:

The following Notification will be published in an Extra- Ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated: 29.01.2018.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 326 read with clause (12) of Section 2, Section 10A, 20, 27 and 28E of the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965, (Act 6 of 1965), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby, makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005 issued in G.O.Ms.No. 666, MA&UD (Elec-II) Department, dated: 11th July, 2005 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS

In the said rules: -

I. in rule 47, sub-rules (2) and (3) shall be omitted.

II. after rule 69, the following new rule shall be inserted, namely: –

"69-A. None of the Above (NOTA) option on Ballot Papers:-

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, in the Postal Ballot Papers and in the Ballot Papers used for conduct of poll at polling stations with Ballot Boxes or Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), provision shall be made for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise their option of not voting to any of the candidates in the fray. The last panel of the ballot paper below the last candidate shall be earmarked for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option.

(2) The State Election Commission may give such directions, as may be necessary, for effective implementation of 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option.

III rule 82 shall be omitted.

IV in Rule 93, in sub-rule (2), in clause (c), for the expression "Form – XX", the expression" Form – XXIV" shall be substituted.

V for the Form- XX, the following forms shall be substituted, namely –

FORM – XX

[See Rule 58 (1)]

PART – I

Return showing the results of the election of Member …… Ward ……. Municipality / Nagar Panchayat.

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Serial No.	Name of the Candidate	Party affiliation	No. of votes cast
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			

Total No. of electors : _____

Total No. of valid votes polled : _____

Total No. of votes polled for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option : _____

Total No. of rejected ballot papers : _____

Date …….. 1. **Signature of Counting Supervisor**

2. **Signature of Election Officer**

PART – II
Declaration to be made by the Election Officer

I do hereby declare that –

Name: ……. Party affiliation (if any): ……

Address:……..

has been duly elected as Member ……Ward ……. Municipality / Nagar Panchayat.

Place: ……
Date: ..……..

Election Officer

VI in Form-XXIII, (Result of Counting), (NOTA)" shall be

(a) In Part-1 (Account of Votes recorded), item No.3 No. of Voters decided not to record Voters "Under Rule 82" shall be omitted.

(b) for part-II, the following shall be substituted, namely,-

Part – II Result of Counting

[Rule 23(2)(a)(b)]

S.No.	Name of the Candidate	No. of votes recorded
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)	None of the Above (NOTA)	
Total		

Contd..3

Whether the Total No. of votes shown above tallies with the Total No. of votes shown against Item 5 of Part – I or any discrepancy noticed between these two totals? If any discrepancy is noticed, the reasons for discrepancy are ……..

Place:
Date: **Counting Supervisor**

S.No.	Name of the Candidate / Election agent / Counting agent	Full signature
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

Place:
Date: **Election Officer**

VII after Form XXIII, the Form –XXIV is added.

FORM – XXIV

[See Rule 93 (2) (c)]

FINAL RESULT SHEET

Election to the office of Member …… Ward ……. Municipality / Nagar Panchayat.

Total No. of voters in Ward:……

Serial No. of Polling Station	No. of valid votes cast in favour of			Total of valid votes	No. of rejected ballot papers	Votes for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option	No. of tendered votes
	A	B	C				
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
Total No. of votes recorded at polling stations							

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Total No. of votes recorded on Postal Ballot Papers							
Grand Total							

Place…….
Date ……... **Election Officer**

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R. KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Secretary, State Election Commission, A.P., A.P. Secretariat, L-Block, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The Law (I) Department, A.P., Secretariat, Velagapudi.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER